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RESPONSE

This is in response to the action mailed April 19, 2001 and the advisory action mailed June 14, 2001. A notice of appeal was filed May 24, 2001. Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 34.

Please amend claim 1, 2, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:7 and which encodes a polypeptide having a von Willebrand domain having at least 90% sequence identity to the von Willebrand domain of SEQ ID NO:4 or SEQ ID NO:5, a factor C homologous domain having at least 90% sequence identity to the factor C homologous domain of SEQ ID NO:11, and having the ability to bind fibrillar collagen.

2. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:6 or natural allelic variants or complements thereof.

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